

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

May 2005

| CATEGORY | May 2005 | May 2004 | YTD 05 | YTD 04 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| CSEPP INCIDENTS | 7 | 2 | 36 | 18 |
| DOE INCIDENTS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| FIRE | 25 | 53 | 101 | 144 |
| HAZMAT | 174 | 177 | 876 | 747 |
| OTHER | 29 | 22 | 126 | 106 |
| 911 OUTAGES | 4 | 0 | 18 | 7 |
| SAR | 54 | 55 | 207 | 200 |
| TERRORIST | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| WEATHER | 8 | 9 | 28 | 30 |
| CGS INCIDENTS | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 301 | 318 | 1395 | 1254 |

LEGEND

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| CSEPP | Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program |
| DOE | Department of Energy, Hanford Site |
| SAR | Search and Rescue Missions |
| HAZMAT | Hazardous Materials Incidents |
| WEATHER | Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow) |
| CGS | Columbia Generating Station |
| FIRE | Forest Fire Incidents |
| OTHER | This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc... |
| 911 | 911 Service Outages |

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On May 8, a search was conducted in Snohomish County for two missing females near Mount Pilchuck. Additional ground search resources were coordinated from King, Skagit, Whatcom, Kitsap, Thurston and Pierce Counties. Both subjects were located on the morning of May 10th cold and wet, but otherwise in good condition.

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- On May 9, the National Weather Service in Spokane issued a Flood Watch for Spokane, Garfield, Whitman and Asotin Counties. The Watch was quickly increased to a Flood Warning for some locations as thunderstorms associated with the weather system moved into the area providing the potential to cause localized flooding. Grant County reported water over I-90 in several locations which undermined the roadway in a few places but did not damage the highway sufficiently to be closed. All Watches and Warnings were finally terminated around 0600 p.m. on May 10th as the weather system moved eastward over the state line.
- On May 11, Skamania County Sheriff's office reopened a search for a man missing since November of last year. Washington State EMD coordinated 8 cadaver dog teams and around 100 ground searchers to canvas the Cougar – Randle area where the man was believed to be located. Nothing was located after an extensive search of the area.
- On May 12, the Wenatchee County Sheriff's Office opened a search for a missing female homicide victim believed to be located in the Horse Lake Road area near Wenatchee. Washington State EMD coordinated 10 dog teams to assist in the search. The search was terminated on May 15th with nothing found.
- On May 17, the Skamania County Sheriff's Office opened a rescue and activated the Skamania EOC for a man who fell over a 150 foot cliff and sustained severe head and leg injuries. The Oregon National Guard flew their helicopter to recover the victim and transported him to the hospital.
- On May 18, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Operations Center reported one of their trains leaked an estimated 1200 gallons of diesel fuel from it's fuel tank onto the tracks for 32 miles as the train was traveling from Towel, WA (m/p 125) to McCredie, WA (m/p 157) in Klickitat County. This stretch of rail line crosses many small streams and gullies which drain into the Columbia River. A clean-up investigation was conducted by BNSF to insure the leaked material did not pose any environmental hazards to the area.
- On May 21, the National Weather Service issued a High Surf Advisory for the Coastal Counties of Washington State. The High Surf Advisory was allowed to expire on May 22nd with no noted damages reported.

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- On May 24, Mason County opened a search for a 51 year-old woman that fell off the "Steel Bridge" into the Skokomish River. The Mason County Sheriff's Office requested Washington State EMD to coordinate a helicopter and mountain rescue personnel to aid in the search and rescue effort. Thurston County provided their helicopter to support the search. The mission was closed on May 25 without finding anything. On May 30, Mason County reopened the search and found the subject deceased in the Skokomish River.
- On May 26, Benton County reported a 400 acre fire in the "Painted Hills" area south of Prosser. This fire had the potential to threaten about 12 homes in the area and possibly many more if the fire turned toward the north. The Benton County EOC was activated and quickly mobilized 80 fire fighters and about 32 pieces of equipment to fight the blaze. The fire grew to 1000 acres before a fire containment line and back burns were put in place to control further movement. The fire was declared under control on May 28th with no reports of property loss.
- On May 27, the National Weather Service issued a Heat Advisory for Snohomish, King & Pierce Counties from 12:00 noon through 06:00 p.m. Temperatures were expected to climb into the 90's which presented a heat illness situation for people throughout the region.
- On May 27, the westbound Port of Entry Weigh Station on I-90 at the Washington, Idaho border was temporarily closed for a truck transporting radioactive materials enroute to Richland, Washington. The truck was stopped at the boarder on the 25th for inspection, and then proceeded on to Richland .Tests conducted at Pacific ECO Solutions in Richland confirmed low levels of tritium inside the trailer which caused concern at the boarder for the inspectors. The Department of Health, Radiation Protection Division and The Department of Ecology were called in to test the material which closed the port of entry while the testing was conducted. The station was reopened at 1507 hrs. with no contamination detected.
- On May 29, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Chelan County until 1815 hours. Dime-sized hail with wind gusts to 40 miles per hour was expected. The Thunderstorm Warning was terminated with no reports of damage later in the day.

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For the month of May 2005 the SEOO's:

- Issued **16** warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Issued **5** warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Conducted **559** notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
- Coordinated **16** resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
- Participated in **23** exercises of which **13** were vessel spill drills
- Made **1139** and answered **1453** telephone calls
- Conducted **2850** National Warning System Tests, conducted **274** Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted **58** dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted **5** dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted **4** dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)